

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A method for treating ~~or preventing~~ an inflammatory reaction in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal a peptide of the formula: $R^1 - X^1 - X^2 - R^2$

wherein X^1 is an aromatic amino acid residue;

X^2 is any amino acid residue; and

R^1 is NH₂- or an amino acid sequence $X^3 - X^4 - X^5$

wherein X^3 is an aliphatic amino acid residue having a side chain hydroxyl group and X^4 and X^5 are the same or different and are any amino acid residue and wherein R^2 is a sequence of 1 to 3 amino acid residues which are the same or different and are aliphatic amino acid residues, or a fragment or derivative of said peptide of the formula $R^1 - X^1 - X^2 - R^2$ effective to treat ~~or prevent~~ an inflammatory reaction.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Previously presented): The method of claim 21 wherein

X^1 is phenylalanine;

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